

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 327 - SB 616**

March 14, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds language to the definitions of “injury” and “personal injury” that excludes myocardial infarctions, arrhythmias, strokes, or any disease of the heart or brain from such definitions for the purpose of workers’ compensation law. Deletes diseases of the lung, and hypertension arising out of and in the course of employment, from the definition of “occupational diseases” for the purpose of workers’ compensation law. Adds language to the definition of “occupational diseases” that specifies diseases of the neurovascular system, diseases of the brain, and hypertension shall not be considered occupational diseases for the purpose of workers’ compensation law.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,000/Risk Management Fund**

**Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,000**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD), the impact on the number of employees requesting assistance for a workers’ compensation claim will be not significant. As a result, no impact on DLWD.
- Excluding certain diseases from injury, personal injury, and occupational diseases could result in a decrease in claims covered by public employers.
- The precise number of claims in a year that would be denied as a result of the exclusions cannot be determined.
- The recurring decrease in state expenditures from the Risk Management Fund is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000.
- The recurring decrease in local expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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